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Dear Rajasabha Bhushana Thambu Chetty Garu,

A. Venkata Subbiah Pantulu Garu in his letter of the 30th March, had asked me to let you know, whether the Bharatpur Ruling Family is a pure Rajput family or not. I had been to Bharatpur with another friend, who has got very good connections at Bharatpur and have been able to get the following information. I have taken the above friend at my cost. The Maharajah's family is a pure Jat family and are pure Kshattriyas. The father of the present Maharajah married a princess who was the daughter of the Faridpur Ruling Chief in the Punjab, who are pure Jat-Kshattriyas. The father and the mother of the present Maharajah are dead- The house has not at any time married below their rank and caste. You may know that many of the Rajputs married their daughters and sisters to the Moghuls. This family has had no connections like that. These people have always been resisting the Mohammedans. These are pure Kshattriyas and people in these parts accept them as Kshattriyas and are the cousins of Rajputs. They have had no connections with Rajputana. They do not style themsel-

themselves as Rajputs. They have always refused to marry from among the Rajputs, though attempts were made several times. When the Maharajah was approa--ched by me through very respectable people and after he heard from me of the history of the Mysore Royal Family he has consented to consider the matter, when I meet him again with a letter of authority from you empowering me to negotiate. The photo would be given to me when I meet him next with your approval to negotiate. As I have written above the friend, who came along with me to Bharat--pur has very good connections there and has been of very good helpto me. I have to take him also, when I go next to Simla as he has assured me that he would do his best to settle matters. The Maharajah would have gone to Simla on the 10th and he has wished that we should meet him there with a letter from you.

The Maharajah is very good looking and has a very good character. In appearance he is ~~jus~~ just like your Prince. He has been under European training. He has told that he would consider of meeting the H.H. the Maharajah Garu and H.H. the Yuvarajah Garu at any place you may wish. Please arrange to send the letter authorising me to negotiate, very soon. It is very hot here.

The Maharajah has receieved several

several offers from many Ruling houses of Rajputana (always) and the Panjab. Nothing has been settled yet. After my proposal about the Mysore House, he seems to be ~~k~~ keen about Mysore. Enclosed I am sending you a copy of the History of Hats which I got from Bharatpur. The income of the state is about 45 lakhs.

Please convey my pranams to H.H. The Maharajah Garu, H.H. The Yuvarajah Garu, H.H. the Yuvarani Garu and H.H. The Prince. I am sending my pranams to yourself and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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